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## Greene County Clerk unveils new elections website, candidate filing information

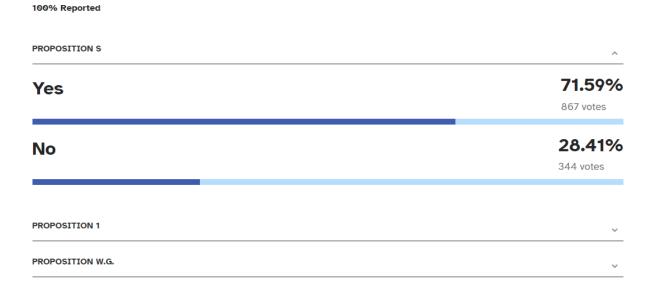


*SPRINGFIELD, Mo.* – Greene County Clerk, Shane Schoeller, revealed a new County website Tuesday, Feb. 15 dedicated to local elections and voting information.

<u>Vote.greenecountymo.gov</u> was designed with three goals in mind: improve election transparency, communication, and efficiency. Schoeller said the new website is more intuitive and user friendly.

Some of the new features include an elections day countdown and live results tracker, absentee ballot tracker, and deadlines for elections registration and candidate filing. Voters will be able to use them in the upcoming April 2022 municipal election.

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"It's now a lot easier for voters to click on and see what's happening in the races and issues on election night," said Schoeller.

The new website also makes it easier to find polling locations, training information for election judges, and sample ballots. The website's design was paid for using a \$29,000 grant.

The Clerk's office also updated candidate filing information. A new downloadable handbook has all the necessary information for candidates, like qualifications and a checklist. All other required documents can also be downloaded on the website.

PDF Documents	
2022 Candidate Filing Information	<b>★</b> Download
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"We want to make filing for any candidate who decides to run for office as easy as possible. This was one of my priorities when I was elected. Prior to 2016, there was no access to any forms on our website. When candidates are thinking about running they can now come to one place for their information," said Schoeller.

Candidates can run for these open positions in the County in 2022: Auditor, Circuit Clerk, Collector of Revenue, County Clerk, Presiding Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, and Recorder of Deeds.

Missouri lawmakers voted in the 2021 session to increase filing fees to \$100, up from \$50.

Candidate filing begins on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 8:00 a.m. at the Greene County Historic Courthouse in Room 113, located at 940 N. Boonville Avenue in Springfield.

The deadline to file for office is March 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Absentee voting for the April 2022 election also begins at 8:00 a.m. on Feb. 22. Voters can cast their ballot at the Greene County Archives building located at 1126 N. Boonville Avenue in Springfield. Absentee voting will be available up to one day before the election, April 4.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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